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		6a. 🗌	Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were previously cited in prior application Serial No, filed on, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, have been omitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d).
		6b. 🗌	Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No, filed on, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. & 120, are provided berewith

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7.		This is a	Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.  (Check either Item 7a or 7b)
		7a. 🗍 7b. 🗍	The Issue Fee has not been paid. A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee, is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114(a), respectively.
8.		This is a	Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.  (Check either Item 8a or 8b)
		8a. 🗌	This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can
		8b. 🗌	be considered as if properly filed on  This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, mailed
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			(Check appropriate Items 9a, 9b, 9c and/or 9d)
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		9b.     9c.	set forth in the application. satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449 as having an English language translation
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11. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17 for this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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## ATTACHMENT 1(g)

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LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS	Hiroki IWAHASHI	
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The following document(s) is/are listed in accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, so that the Examiner may consider same should he deem any thereof to be material to examination of the subject application.

It is requested that the Examiner acknowledge his consideration of document(s) below-listed by initialling same in the space provided adjacent each such application and that the Examiner sign and date this form at the bottom thereof to confirm such consideration having been given.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)				
	AE	Chinese Office Action issued July 22, 2005, in corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 01823705.3		X

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Ref. AG – as presently advised, Chinese laid open Publication No. 1150727A issued May 28, 2005, corresponds generally to U.S. Patent No. 6,047,310.